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BIRTHS.

On the 10th instant at "Cragside" The Peak,
the wife of A. H. Stratton, of a son. [107]

On January 6th, at Shanghai, the wife of Mr.
DAVID LINDSEY, of a daughter.

DEATH.

On January 5th at Shanghai, Emily, the
beloved mother of CHARLES INUO, aged 74 years.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 12TH, 1909.

The discovery of forty-nine rats proved dead
of plague at Shanghai in the course of a
fortnight, last month, has naturally caused
anxiety to the Health Authorities of the
Settlement, as well as to the authorities in
the ports up the Yangtze. So far as is
known, there are no records to show that the
Yangtze valley has ever been swept by
plague in epidemic form, "or of any records
of even isolated cases having occurred, with
the exception of infected persons who, from
time to time, have been removed from
steamers entering Shanghai from outside
ports." But the absence of records is not
necessarily conclusive of the absence of
plague in any part of China. When
the first epidemic broke out in Hong-
kong, in 1894, Dr. LOWSON caused
careful inquiries to be made on this subject,
and the result was that after months of
diligent searching, Mr. DIVER BALL, who
was deputed to make the investigation, had
to report that Chinese history contained no
reference to any epidemic of plague.
How, and by what means, bubonic plague
was introduced into Hongkong no man can
positively say. Prior to 1894 plague was
unknown in Hongkong. It had practically

been endemic in Pakhoi for over twenty years,
but the only occasion when it had been
epidemic was ten years before the appear-
ance of the plague in Hongkong. It was
early in February 1894 that an epidemic
began at Canton, and it broke out in
Hongkong in May. In these four months
there was no plague at Pakhoi, and it
was, therefore, assumed that it was intro-
duced into Hongkong from Canton.
Exactly how it was introduced baffled inves-
tigation, though it has long since been
generally accepted that rats from the ship-
ping formed the means of communicating
it from one port to the other, and the
authorities in their wisdom decreed that the
ropes by which ships were tied to a wharf
should be provided with phlanges to
prevent rats getting ashore from the ship,
as if rats preferred walking the tight-rope
to the broad plank of the gangway. The
fact has to be faced that it is impossible to
prevent rats getting ashore from a ship at a
wharf, if they are so minded. They may
either walk or run ashore, or they may be
conveyed ashore in cargo. There can be
little doubt, however, that it is by this means
that plague is spread. If any additional
proof of the fact were needed we may
obtain it from Shanghai. When on the 8th ult.
two dead rats found near the wharves
at Shanghai were ascertained to have died
of plague, a systematic search for dead
rats was made in all the sanitary districts of
the Settlement, and of the forty-nine (out
of 1,329) that were found to have died of
plague, nearly all were found in the
neighbourhood of the wharves. The
Health Officer, therefore, concludes that
there is little doubt that the introduction of
plague has been effected through the chan-
nel where the preventive measures taken by
the Port Health Authority have been
weakest, namely those for preventing the
introduction of rats by ships from plague-
infected ports. Consequently this unplea-
sant discovery led to the formulation of
potential measures and a plan of campaign
which, we hope, will be successful in preserv-
ing Shanghai from a scourge which has
cost the Colony of Hongkong in the last
fourteen years many thousand lives and
several millions of dollars. It is interesting
to note that Dr. STANLEY regards the cat
as the most successful agent for the exter-
mination of rats, and says that by cats alone
it should be possible to keep houses rat free;
and, as a direct result, plague free. Every
householder, therefore, is recommended to
keep one or more cats in his house. This
is an endorsement of the new method of
combating plague in Hongkong. We un-
derstand that the advice given by the
Sanitary Board in this connection is being
generally followed, and in the coming
plague season we trust a considerable
improvement may confidently be anticipated
upon the mortality returns of last year,
when plague was more prevalent in the
Colony than it had been since 1905.

Exchanges are going up. Yesterday's rate was
1/9.

Training for the Hongkong Races which take
place next month, is now in full swing.

A collision took place in the harbour yesterday
afternoon when a launch ran down a junk and
sank her.

The name of Colonel FITTON, of the Royal
West Kents, has been mentioned in connection
with a staff billet in India at an early date.

SHEN CHIA-PENG, the High Commissioner who
compiles legal codes, is stated to have decided to
adopt British laws in compiling the commercial
code.

Private information has reached Manila from
Washington, D. C., to the effect that the Navy
Department will order the entire First Provi-
sional Regiment of Marines, now on duty with
the Army of Cuban pacification, to the Philip-
pines, on the evacuation of Cuba.

The closing of the second half of the opium
shops in the Settlement of Shanghai which was
effected with the close of the year passed off
without trouble, and since then the various
shop-keepers engaged in the trade have
commenced establishing themselves in other
businesses.

Sir HARVILLAND DE SAUMAREZ, Judge of H.B.M.'s
Supreme Court for China and Korea, has recently
undergone at Home a third operation for ap-
pendicitis, which, it is satisfactory to state, has
proved more successful than the previous ones,
and it is hoped that within a very short time he
will be once again restored to good health. His
leave of absence has been extended for a period
of six months, and he is expected to return to
Shanghai sometime in October.

The Barber guild of Canton have presented a
petition to the Chief Superintendent of Police
praying that instructions may be given to the
landlords to reduce their rents, as barbers are
not permitted to work during the period of State
mourning. The guild points out there is a
precedent in this matter. The Superintendent
of Police has replied that he will communicate
with the Chamber of Commerce with a view to
securing a reduction of the rents for the 100
days of the mourning.

TELEGRAMS.

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LONDON, January 10th.

It is reported from Constantinople
that Markgraf von Pallavicini, the
Austrian Ambassador to Turkey, has
been freshly instructed to offer to the
Porte two and a half million Turkish
pounds as compensation for Bosnia
and Herzegovina.

The weekly return by the Medical Officer of
Health of the number of cases of communicable
disease in the Colony shows that during the
week ended the 9th inst. there were two fatal
imported cases of small-pox (Chinese) and one
Chinese case of diphtheria which proved fatal.
The last case of plague occurred on the 30th ult.

The Viceroys of Liang Kiang, Hunan and
Hupeh, Their Excellencies Tuan Fang and
Chen Kwei Leing, have forwarded a memorial
to the Prince Regent on the subject of financial
reform. They propose to institute lotteries in
those Provinces under careful restrictions, but
the Prince Regent has not been pleased with
the propositions.—*Chinese Public Opinion*.

The Japanese Resident at Seoul has recently
permanently prohibited the publication of a
Japanese paper there, named the *Keijo Shimbun*,
on the ground that the paper recently printed
series of articles prejudicial to the relations
between Japan and Korea and injurious to
public order and peace. The paper had been in
existence about two years.

In view of the discovery of plague in rats at
Shanghai, Dr. F. W. Thompson of Hankow
publishes an appeal to the community of Hankow
to undertake a general campaign against rats
throughout the concessions. No trace of plague
has yet been found at Hankow, but in view of
the present existence of rat plague at Shanghai
and the constant steamship communication
between the two ports, Dr. Thompson points out
that the position of Hankow is one of anticipation
and that prevention is better than cure.

The Prince Regent has decided to reform the
Civil Service of China. New regulations are
being drafted. At a recent conference with the
High Ministers of State the Prince Regent
raised the question of the appointment of the
Viceroy and Governors of the provinces and His
Imperial Highness is reported to have said
that in future careful enquiries should be made
into the age, parentage, character and career of
all candidates for such important posts before
recommending them to the Throne for appoint-
ment.

A remarkable incident took place at the
Supreme Court yesterday. The Chief Justice was
pleased to pay a visit to Sir Paul Chater's
residence to inspect that gentleman's valuable
collection of Chinese porcelain. He was
accompanied on this visit by Miss Henninger and
Captain Mitchell-Taylor, A.D.C., boarded her to
welcome His Highness on behalf of H. E. the
Governor. His Highness paid an official visit to
His Excellency the Governor, who invited
him to dinner. The Yuvarajah, however, declined
the honour, caste preventing his acceptance of the
invitation. His Excellency much regretted that he could not accommodate
the visitor at Government House, owing to the
serious illness of Lady Lagard.

In the afternoon, however, the Yuvarajah was
pleased to pay a visit to Sir Paul Chater's

residence to inspect that gentleman's valuable
collection of Chinese porcelain. He was
accompanied on this visit by Miss Henninger and
Captain Mitchell-Taylor, and later the same
guides took him for a tram ride as far as
Shankian, the object of the trip being to show
the guest some of the sights of the city.

LADY LUGARD.

It is with pleasure that we are able to an-
nounce another slight improvement in the
condition of Lady Lugard. Her Ladyship is,
however, very weak, and will probably be con-
fined to her bed for the next three weeks.

A BRITISH ADMIRAL ON INVASION
POSSIBILITIES.

A remarkable statement was made recently by
a British Admiral. Speaking at Dover, Vice
Admiral FINNIS, said: I stand as an
Admiral on the active list, and have no hesitation
in saying the Service has never been in the state
for efficiency and fighting as it is at the present
moment. Four years ago we used to have a
good deal of firing at 4,000 yards, making 50
per cent of hits steaming from twelve to fifteen
knots. Last year, when I had to go out with
ship after ship I was simply astounded. At seven
and eight thousand yards the percentage of hits
was 65. I would like to say one word about inva-
sion. I am certainly not one of those naval officers
who say this is not possible—I mean by invasion
a raid. I believe it is possible with the biggest
stroke of luck. During the manoeuvres by a great
fleet entirely due to fog, I do hope while this
talk is going on about the Service everyone will
put their shoulder to the wheel, and determine
to have our sister Service kept up. As a naval
officer, I speak strongly on the subject. The
Army cannot do without the Navy, or the Navy
without the Army. I should like to see every
man from the age of 18 to 25 serve his country
for two years.

Referring to the article which we recently
reproduced from a London contemporary on the
growing popularity of China tea, a Colombo
contemporary says:—As those in the know are
well aware, China tea is given a fresh impetus
in the U.K. when the price of common Ceylon
and Indian tea goes up. This is inevitable. We
do not see anything more in the 'boom'. This
is borne out, too, by a diagram before us
showing the deliveries of China tea for home
consumption with relation to the quotation for
good ordinary Indian and Ceylon pekoe souchong
during the last ten years. The only year in
which the deliveries of China tea did not fully
respond to the advance in the British-grown
common tea price was last year. If the China
tea imports prove to be considerably higher this
year it will be because it was making up for
coming more slowly than usual."

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. str. *Malta* left Singapore for
this port on the 10th instant at 10 a.m.

The American & Manchurian Line steamer
Karonga left Singapore on Friday the 8th inst.,
and is due here on or about Friday the 15th
inst. a.m.

The Danish str. *Sime* left Shanghai on the
11th inst. at noon, and may be expected here on
or about Friday the 15th inst. a.m.

The Apac str. *A. Apac* from Yokohama,
Kobe and Moji left Moji on morning the 11th
inst., and may be expected here on or about 16th
inst. morning.

The M.M. str. *Polynesia* with the French
Mail of the 20th ult., and mail from London of
the 11th inst. at 4.30 p.m., and may be expected to
arrive here on Monday morning the 16th
inst., and will leave for Shanghai and Japan on
the same afternoon.

The C.P.R. str. *Empress of India* arrived
Vancouver on Saturday the 9th inst.

The N.Y.K. str. *Karanda Maru* (Australian
Line) left Thursday Island for this port via
Manila on the 7th inst., and is expected here
on the 18th inst.

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

DISSATISFACTION IN SHANGHAI.

Our Canton correspondent writes:—

There has been much dissatisfaction amongst
the shareholders of the Canton-Hankow Railway
Company. They have formed an association
called the Yent-Han Railway Rescue Society.
This Society has recently had several held
meetings in Chang Men (Chang Gardens)
at which the members, claiming to represent
300,000 shares, have denounced the
management of affairs by the Company's Head
Office here. They also complained that the
Company had threatened to confiscate their
shares without giving them due and proper
notice. The Society has recently addressed a
long letter and sent many telegrams to the
President and Directors of the Company stating
that up to the present time the Company had
only furnished the Shanghai shareholders with
reports showing the total receipts and payments
during the 32nd and 33rd years of Kwong
Su and nothing whatever had been mentioned
in those reports as to the actual amount
of work done, how many miles of railway have
been completed, the cost of construction per mile,
the value of rolling stock, materials, &c. unused,
value of land purchased, the amount of cash on
hand, when they expect to complete the line and
no profit and loss account has been
issued of the line now working. The
Shanghai shareholders say that they have
noticed in the newspapers on several occasions
that the Central Government has been
urging that investigation be made into the
financial condition of the Company and it is quite
apparent that it is the intention of the Govern-
ment to obtain foreign loans and itself construct
the line. Great apprehension exists amongst
the Shanghai shareholders that such steps may
be taken, and they blame the Company for it.
They now demand that the Company shall supply
them with full information before they pay in
the money due on the second instalment, and
they point out that the shares are now only
worth 40 per cent. of their original value, and
that, if they were to pay in the \$1.50 due on the
second instalment of each share, out of every
dollar they pay in, they would get back only 40
cents, if they were to realize their shares in the
market the following day.

In conclusion the Shanghai shareholders
request the Company to cable them the partic-
ulars they ask for, so that they may cause the
real position of affairs to be made known to the
public and allay the anxiety of all the share-
holders who, they say, are "now at sea in a boat
facing a typhoon and crying."

The last telegram sent by Sir Chan Tung
Liang Shing to the Association in Shanghai a
few days ago ran as follows:—

"Contents of your (last) telegram noted. I
note that you are paying great attention to this
matter. Many false telegrams are in circulation
concerning affairs of the railway. I advise you
that it is not safe to place too much reliance on
such telegrams. My reply is on its way to
Shanghai. I have collected over \$8,000,000 due
on second instalment. You can ease your mind
regarding the construction of trunk line. (Signed) SHING."

BURGLARY AT MADAME FLINT'S.

Now that Chinese New-Year is so close at
hand it behoves residents to see to the
security of their premises, for the Chinese
thief is very busy at present. Another
burglary has to be

**PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.**

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
LONDON and ANTWERP			
VIA SINGAPORE, PEN. NILE		10 A.M., 13th Jan.	Freight and Passage.
ANG. COLOMBO PORT	Capt. E. P. Martin	13th Jan.	
SAYD and MARSEILLE			
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, MALTA	Capt. H. Powell	On 16th Jan.	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI	DEVANHA	About 21st Jan.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON VIA USUAL PORTS	DELHI	Noon, 23rd Jan.	See Special Advertisement.
CAPT. T. D. ANDREWS, R.N.R.			
For further Particulars, apply to	E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.		
Hongkong, 12th January, 1909.			

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MANILA	"TEAN"	On 12th Jan., 3 P.M.
NINGPO and SHANGHAI	"KIU KIANG"	On 12th Jan., 4 P.M.
PAKHOU and HAIPHONG	"CHIHLI"	On 14th Jan., 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI	"SHAO SHING"	On 14th Jan., 4 P.M.
DALNY	"TAMSUT"	On 16th Jan., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 20th Jan., 3 P.M.
CEBU and ILOILO	"SUNG KIANG"	On 21st Jan., 4 P.M.
MANILA ZAMBOANGA PORT	"CHANG SHA"	On 31st Jan., 4 P.M.
DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, NEW ZEALAND, ADELAIDE, FREMANTLE and PERTH		with Transhipment for TASMANIA
MANILA STEAMERS & TIENSIN STEAMERS		have superior Passenger accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-rooms and Dining Saloon.
AUSTRALIAN STEAMERS		have superior accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-rooms. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried. Cargo booked through for all Australian, New Zealand and Tasmanian Ports.
SHANGHAI STEAMERS		good Saloon Passenger accommodation and take cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.
REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS.		TELEPHONE 38.
For Freight or Passage apply to—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.	Hongkong, 12th January, 1909.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE BETWEEN HONGKONG SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS AND FORMOSA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	THE CO'S S.S.	LEAVING
ANPING & TAKAO	"YERIMO MARU"	WED'DAY, 13th Jan., at 4 P.M.
+ SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW,	"BUJUN MARU"	WED'DAY, 13th Jan., at Daylight
AMOY & FOOCHOW	Capt. Y. FUSENO	
TAMSUI VIA SWATOW	"JOSHIN MARU"	SUNDAY, 17th Jan., at 8 A.M.
& AMOY	Capt. Y. KABURAKI	

* These new Steamers have excellent accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers and are fitted throughout with Electric Light. First-class Cabins Amidships. Unrivalled Table.

† Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and North China Ports.

For Freight, Passage and further information, apply at the Company's Local Branch Office, Second Floor, No. 1, Queen's Buildings.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1909. T. ARIMA, Manager [13]

INDO-CHINA S. NAV. CO., LTD.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Wednesday, 12th Jan., Noon.
KOBE	"ONSANG"	Tuesday, 12th Jan., 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE & SOURABAYA	"CHUNSANG"	Tuesday, 12th Jan., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"WOSANG"	Wednesday, 13th Jan., Noon.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"CHIPSHING"	Thursday, 14th Jan., 4 P.M.
MALINA	"KUTSANG"	Friday, 15th Jan., Noon.
KOBE	"YUENSANG"	Friday, 15th Jan., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"AMARA"	Friday, 15th Jan., 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"HANGSANG"	Friday, 19th Jan., Noon.
SH'HAL, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	"KUMSANG"	Thursday, 4th Feb., Noon.

FOR THE MANILA CARNIVAL.

FEBRUARY 2ND TO 9TH, 1909.

A Special Reduced Fare of \$50 for Return Passengers will be issued for our Sailings to Manila on the 29th January, and 5th February, available for 30 days from date of issue. Passengers taking out these tickets are exempt from the Head Tax.

* Steamers have superior accommodation for First Class Passengers and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

† Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to Yangtze Ports, Chefoo, Tientsin & Newchwang.

‡ Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to Kudat, Lahad, Data, Simporna, Tawo Usukan, Jesselton and Labuan.

Telephone No. 61.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., Hongkong, 12th January, 1909. GENERAL MANAGERS. [16]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LIMITED.

HONGKONG-SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS.

HIGHEST CLASS—FASTEST AND MOST LUXURIOUS STEAMERS ON THE COAST, HAVING SPLENDID ACCOMMODATION FOR FIRST-CLASS PASSENGERS. ELECTRIC LIGHT AND FIRST-CLASS CUISINE.

STEAMERS	FOR	LEAVING
"HAICHING"	SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.	TUESDAY, 12th Jan., at Noon.
Capt. Passmore		
"HAIMUN"	SWATOW	WED'DAY, 13th Jan., at Noon.
Capt. Evans		
"HAIYANG"	SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.	FRIDAY, 15th Jan., at Noon.
Capt. A. E. Hodges		

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF PASSENGERS, STEAMERS WILL ARRIVE AT, AND DEPART FROM, THE COMPANY'S WHARF (NEAR BLAKE PIER).

For Freight and Passage apply to DOUGLAS, LAPRAIK & CO., GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1909. [10]

**HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE
HAMBURG.**

EAST ASIATIC FREIGHT SERVICE.

Regular Sailings from JAPAN, CHINA and PHILIPPINES, via STRAITS and COLOMBO, to HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG and to NEW YORK.

TAKING Carve at Through Rates to all European North Continental and British Ports, also Trieste, Lisbon, Oporto, Marseilles, Genoa, and other Meditorean, Levantine, Black Sea and Baltic Ports, and all North and South American Ports. Also via Aden or Port Said, by the Company's "Arabian and Persian Service" to Arabian and Persian Gulf Ports.

NEXT SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG:

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OUTWARD.

FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOREA:	
S.S. ANDALUSIA	14th Jan.
S.S. SLAVONIA	17th Jan.
S.S. SAXONIA	27th Jan.
S.S. SPEZZA	8th Febr.

Further Particulars, apply to HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, HONGKONG, 12th January, 1909.

**HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.**

HONGKONG-MANILA.

Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers between Hongkong and Manila. Saloon amidships. Electric Light, Perfect Cuisine SURGEON and STEWARDESS carried. All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.

**CHINA AND MANILA
STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.**

STEAMSHIP	TONS.	CAPTAIN	FOR	SAILING-DATE
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Manila	On 16th Jan., Noon.
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Manila	On 21st Jan., Noon.

As a special inducement to intending Visitors to the Philippine Carnival, we are offering a reduced fare of \$60; for passage to Manila and return by our s.s. "ZAFIRO" sailing SATURDAY, the 30th January.

Tickets issued at this reduced rate will be available for return by either the s.s. "ZAFIRO" leaving Manila on 7th February or the s.s. "RUBI" leaving Manila on 13th February.

For Freight or Passage apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1909. [14]

EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD.

COPENHAGEN, SINGAPORE, BANGKOK & SHANGHAI.

RUSSIAN EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD.

ST. PETERSBURG & VLADIVOSTOCK.

SWEDISH EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD.

GOTHENBURG.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	DATE OF SAILING.
MARSEILLE, HAVRE and COPENHAGEN	"SIAM"	Beginning of Jan., '09
YOKOHAMA, KOBE and SHANGHAI	"YEDDO"	Middle of Jan., '09

For Further Particulars apply to MELCHERS & CO., AGENTS.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1909. [6]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

EXTRA PASSENGER SERVICE NEW STEAMERS—EUROPEAN LINE.

FOR GENOA, MARSEILLE, LONDON AND ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, SUEZ AND PORT SAID.

THE CO'S NEWLY BUILT 9000 TONS PASSENGER STEAMERS WILL BE DESPATCHED FROM HONGKONG AS FOLLOWS:

KAMO MARU - - - (Capt. F. L. SOMMER) - On Tues. 26th Jan.

MISHIMA MARU - - - (Capt. A. E. MOSES) - About Wed. 24th Feb.

MIYASAKI MARU - - - (Capt. T. S. H. HALCOMBE) - About Wed. 24th Mar.

ATSUTA MARU - - - (Capt. T. S. H. HALCOMBE) - About Wed. 2

POST OFFICE NOTICE

Correspondence for EUROPE, via SIBERIA, is forwarded from HONGKONG by all vessels sailing for SHANGHAI.

Approximate times of closing mails at Shanghai via Amoy and Siberia.

2nd January	... at 9.00 a.m.
28th January	... at 8.30 p.m.

Private Letter Boxes at the G.P.O. Boxholders are reminded that if they desire to retain their Private Letter Boxes at the G.P.O. for the current year they should pay in the Annual Fee of \$10 not later than the 15th instant.

The Luetung, with the German mail, left Singapore on Saturday, the 9th inst., at 10 a.m. and may be expected here to-morrow, at 6 p.m.

The Poyntz, with the French mail of the 18th December, left Singapore on Monday, the 11th inst., at 4.30 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 18th instant.

This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 14th November.

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DATE

Saigon	Tuesday	12th, 9.00 A.M.
Chinkiang	Tuesday	12th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Tuesday	12th, 11.00 A.M.
Tamshui	Tuesday	12th, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Tuesday	12th, 11.00 A.M.
Sandakan	Tuesday	12th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao	Tuesday	12th, 1.15 P.M.
Foiji	Tuesday	12th, 2.00 P.M.
Manila	Tuesday	12th, 2.00 P.M.
Amoy and Shanghai	Tuesday	12th, 3.00 P.M.
Singapore	Tuesday	12th, 3.00 P.M.
Kobe	Tuesday	12th, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Shangtai	Tuesday	12th, 5.00 P.M.
Hoihow and Haiphong	Tuesday	12th, 5.00 P.M.
Malibido	Tuesday	12th, 6.00 P.M.
Nile	Tuesday	12th, 9.00 A.M.
Zicenam	Wednesday	13th, 10.00 A.M.
Wutong	Wednesday	13th, 10.00 A.M.
Hainan	Wednesday	13th, 10.00 A.M.
EUROPE, &c., India via Tutiioris	Printed Matter and Samples	10.00 A.M.
(Late letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.)	Registration, 10.00 A.M. (Registration, with 1 cent fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)	10.00 A.M.
(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)	Registration, Ko-loon B.O.	11.00 A.M.
Derfingier	No late fee.	Letter, 11.00 A.M.
Sui Tai	Wednesday	13th, 1.15 P.M.
Tooma	Wednesday	13th, 3.00 P.M.
Aping and Takao	Wednesday	13th, 3.00 P.M.
Yerimo Maru	Thursday	14th, 2.00 A.M.
Chihi	Thursday	14th, 11.00 A.M.
Cape	Thursday	14th, 11.00 A.M.
Interic	Thursday	14th, 11.00 A.M.
Sui Tai	Thursday	14th, 1.15 P.M.
Shaochang	Thursday	14th, 3.00 P.M.
Chipping	Thursday	14th, 3.00 P.M.
Kutang	Friday	15th, 11.00 A.M.
Hariang	Friday	15th, 11.00 A.M.
Sui Tai	Friday	15th, 1.15 P.M.
Amara	Friday	15th, 3.00 P.M.
Hanjang	Friday	15th, 3.00 P.M.
Yuensang	Friday	15th, 3.00 P.M.
Empress of Japan	Friday	15th, 6.00 P.M.
Zafro	Saturday	16th, 11.00 A.M.
Sui Tai	Saturday	16th, 1.15 P.M.
Tomtsu	Saturday	16th, 3.00 P.M.

SHIPPING IN PORT.

STEAMERS.

AMARA, British str., 1,566, Mactock, 7th Jan.—Hongay 4th Jan., Coal—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

BENARIO, British str., 2,510, Wallace, 9th January—Singapore 3rd January, General—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

BOUBON, French str., 990, Le Bal, 5th Jan.—Saigon 31st Dec., General—Chinese.

BUJUN MARU, Japanese str., 1,811, Y. Finzuo, 10th Jan.—Shanghai and Swatow 9th Jan., General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.

BUYO MARU, Jap. str., 1,813, M. Yamamoto, 7th Jan.—Moji 31st Dec., Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

CAPRI, Italian str., 2,690, Pedone, 8th Jan.—Singapore 1st Jan., General—Carlovitz & Co.

CHILDAIR, Norwegian str., 1,102, Nielsen, 1st January—Swatow 31st December, Ballast—Aagard, Thoresen & Co.

CHIPSHING, British str., 1,199, F. Mooney, 30th Dec.—Chingwato 23rd, and Chefoo 25th Dec., Coal and General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CHOWTAI, German str., 1,115, Moellermann, 6th Jan.—Bangkok 29th Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.

CHUNSAK, British str., 1,418, Sawyer, 10th Jan.—Hongay 1st and Swatow 9th Jan., Jardine, Matheson & Co.

DAVIN MARU, Japanese str., 990, Y. Sakurio, 8th Jan.—Swatow 7th Jan., General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.

DAIYA MARU, Japanese str., 1,735, Kuboyashi, 10th Jan.—Wakamatsu 5th Jan., Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

DRUFAL, Norwegian str., 1,102, J. Bing, 8th Jan.—Hongay 6th January, General—Angard, Thoresen & Co.

EASTERN, British str., 2,272, W. McArthur, 10th Jan.—Australian Ports via Sydney & Port Darwin 31st Dec., General—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

EMBES OF JAPAN, British str., 3,039, S. Robinson, 1st Jan.—Vancouver 10th Dec., General—C. P. R. Co.

FOOKSANG, British str., 1,957, Mitchell, 7th January—Singapore 1st January, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

FUKUA MARU, Jap. str., 1,456, Kumawaki, 8th Jan.—Moji 3rd Jan., Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

HATCHING, British str., 1,264, W. C. Passmore, 10th Jan.—Foochow, Amoy and Swatow 9th Jan., General—Douglas, Laprade & Co.

HAKUTO MARU, Jap. str., 3,232, K. Kaneda, 9th Jan.—Moji 3rd Jan., Coal—Brady & Co.

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LIMITED

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CAMPBELL, MOORE & CO., LIMITED

Wm. POWELL, LIMITED

MANDARIN MARU, Jap. str., 3,245, Shimidori, 9th Jan.—Kutchnotzu 4th Jan., Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

MATHILDE, German str., 1,874, A. Enigk, 5th Jan.—Morsoh 30th Dec., Coal—Hamburg-American Line.

KUTSANG, British str., 3,109, R. C. D. Bradley, 9th January—Moji 5th January, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

KWANGLEE, Chinese str., 1,468, Froberg, 10th Jan.—Shanghai 7th January, General—Chinese.

LIENSHENG, British str., 1,543, H. G. Walker, 10th Jan.—Weihaiwei 5th Jan., Rice and Salt—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

MANDAL, Norwegian str., 1,194, E. Erickson, 25th Dec.—Swatow 24th December, Ballast—A. T. & Co.

MANDARIN MARU, Jap. str., 3,245, Shimidori, 9th Jan.—Kutchnotzu 4th Jan., Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

MATILDA KOENER, German str., 1,847, M. Dibben, 4th January—Samarang 21st Dec., General—Java Line.

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MINAS DE PATAVAN, American str., 1,758, T. Sievert, 3rd January—Manila 23rd Dec., Ballast—Order.

NORD, Norwegian str., 730, G. Haraldsen, 5th Jan.—Wakamatsu 31st December, Coal—Angard, Thoresen & Co.

ONDO, Norwegian str., 1,214, E. Erickson, 25th Dec.—Swatow 24th December, Ballast—A. T. & Co.

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

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THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"DELHI,"
FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND
STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo—

From London, &c., ex.s.

From Persian Gulf or B. I. S. N. &

P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary within 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 13th inst., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1903. [1]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.
IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"PRINZ SIGISMUND,"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 14th Jan., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 14th Jan., at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 16th Jan., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
MELCHERS & CO.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1903. [5]

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE
ITALIANA
(Florio and Rubattino United Companies.)

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM BOMBAY AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"CAPII,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk, into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., whence delivery may be obtained. Perishable Goods to be taken delivery of immediately.

All Claims must be sent to the Office of the undersigned before Noon on the 16th inst., or they will not be recognised.

All Claims will be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 15th inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 15th inst., at 9.30 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

CARLOWITZ & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1903. [4]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "BENLARIG,"
FROM MIDDLESBRO', ANTWERP,
LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 16th January, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 23rd January, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 16th January, at 11 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1903. [161]

THE BANK LINE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "INVERIC,"
FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKO-
HAMA, KOBE, MOJI AND
MANILA.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1903. [8]

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

HARDENED TANTALUM—THE UNTHINKABLE—ARTIFICIAL MARBLE—CHANGING THE BLOOD'S CIRCULATION—GAS FOR SMALL PLACES—THE GUN FIRED WITHOUT POWDER—A FILE THAT PLANES.

Tantalum, one of the rare metals now being brought into use has many resemblances to iron, and one of these is the hardness given by a small addition of carbon. Other substances also—like aluminum, tin and titanium—have a similar effect. According to a patent of W. von Bolton, of Charlottenburg, the added substance may vary in proportion up to one per cent or more, but with carbon a small fraction of one per cent imparts great hardness and resistance, and with increase the metal becomes brittle. With a trace of carbon, the tantalum has the hardness and tensile strength best adapted for fine wire, while a little more carbon imparts the greatest hardness—though with some brittleness—needed for tools for working wood, metal and stone. A British patent by Siemens and Halske covers a process of hardening by varying small additions of oxygen, and the products range from a workable metal of much increased hardness and brittleness to a metal too hard to work, but having very slight brittleness.

The topographic compass included with the apparatus of Dr. Charcot's Antarctic expedition is a novel instrument, the invention of Alphonse Bergot, with which bearings can be determined accurately at a glance. A copper box, containing a mirror perforated with a peep-hole, is mounted a few inches above a little compass. On looking through the peep-hole, the mirror shows the compass-card, the precise direction of the object in sight being indicated by the index.

The human mind has limitations. An astronomer argues that space beyond our universe must contain other vast universes because an absolute void is inconceivable. But who can conceive of an infinite space filled with an infinity of universes?

A marble like material declared to be a great advance over other artificial stone is now made from the waste slag of blast-furnaces mixed with a little lime. The slag is crushed and powdered, one-seventh part of quicklime is added, and the mass, made into a paste with water, is pressed into molds of metal. The blocks so formed on drying, have the consistency of chalk. They are placed in iron cylinders, from which the air is pumped out and then replaced with carbonic acid, and after a few days in this gas the hydrate of lime becomes recarbonated, binding the mass into a rock of great hardness. The finished stone takes a high polish. It has been made to serve as an excellent imitation of the best lithographic stone, and with suitable colouring matters it gives a variety of fine marbles.

To save a leg by making the veins do duty as arteries is the remarkable feat a professor of surgery at Constantinople has attempted, with at least temporary success. Gangrene of the limbs as a result of closing of the arteries in old age or disease is common in the East, and amputation has been the only resource. A means of avoiding this desperate remedy has been suggested by the fact that the veins are much less affected than the arteries. Greatly alarmed by the burning symptoms in his left leg, a patient whose right foot had been amputated on account of gangrene appealed to the surgeon for help, and offered to take the only chance of keeping his leg by becoming the subject of a hitherto untried experiment. The arteries of the leg were successfully joined to the veins of the foot. Healing promptly followed the operation, the blood circulated through the veins, the foot regained its warmth and in the weeks since all symptoms of disease have disappeared.

FOREIGN TRADE OF JAPAN
FOR 1902.

SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Erich Georg & Co. in their weekly share list, dated Hongkong, 9th January, 1903, state—A fair amount of business has been done during the week under review, but rates have not changed much. The sterling demand rate of exchange on London closes at 1s. 9d., while rates on Shanghai are Tls. 75 for a Bank T/T, and Tls. 75 for a three days' sight Private Bill, the rate in Shanghai on this for a th. & 8s. eight days' sight Private Draft being Tls. 75. Barsilver in London has advanced to £23 11d., and Consols are quoted at 283 1/2. The Bank of England's rate of discount is 2 1/4 per cent, while the private market rate of discount is 2 3/4 per cent.

BANK SHARES.—Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares changed hands at \$240, \$225 and \$240 for cash, also at \$240 for end of the month, the market closing steady at \$240 for cash; the London rate is £22 10s. Od. Nationals have buyers at 85.

MARINE INSURANCE SHARES.—Unions are easier, and shares sold at \$235, \$230 and \$225, closing with buyers at \$225, and sellers at \$230. North China are in demand at Tls. 104, and Yangtze are quoted \$170, in sympathy with a Shanghai quotation of \$175. China Traders and Cantons are unchanged.

PIPE INSURANCE SHARES.—Hongkong continues on offer at \$225. Chinas sold at \$106, but there are further sellers.

SHIPPING SHARES.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao have been done at \$225, at which figure there are further buyers. Indo-Chinas are unchanged, here, as well as in Shanghai and London. Douglas are unchanged. Shell Transport, in sympathy with a fall in the London rate to 4s. 6d. sellers, have local buyers at 4s. 3d. ex the 2nd interim dividend of 1s. per share (coupon No. 11), paid in London on 2nd instant. Union Waterboats have been fixed at \$10.

REFINERIES.—Unchanged and without sales.

MINING SHARES.—Charbonnages are in request at \$255. Raubs ceased down considerably in the early part of the week, and as low as \$23 has been accepted for shares; the market, however, has taken a sudden turn, and at the close \$23 has been paid, at which figure shares are obtainable. Chinese Engineering and Mining Company's shares are quiet at Tls. 17.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, &c.—After a long spell of inactivity, Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have come into sudden demand, and a fair number of shares have been taken off the market at \$90, at which figure there are further buyers. Shanghai Docks have also improved, in tone, and up to Tls. 77 has been paid in the north, but the interim dividend of Tls. 2 1/2 per share, paid on 4th instant, the closing rate is Tls. 78. Penwicks, as well as Amoy Docks, are unchanged. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves have been done at \$45 to \$46, the market closing with buyers at \$45, and sellers at \$46. Shanghai and Hongkong Wharves, after dropping in the north to Tls. 135, have been done since at Tls. 137; a local sale at Tls. 136 is reported.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Coy.'s shares sold at \$92, \$91 and \$91, closing with buyers at \$91. Hongkong Hotels have enquiries at \$85. Other stocks under this heading are unchanged and no sales have been reported. The Shanghai Land Investment Company calls for applications for issue of Tls. 750,000 six per cent debentures, redeemable on and after 1st January, 1914, at the option of the Company on giving six months' notice.

COTTON MILLS.—Shanghai quotes: Ewo's Tls. 78 buyers, Internationals Tls. 67 buyers, Lant Kung Mows Tls. 71 buyers, and Soochees Tls. 230 buyers. Hongkong Cottons are unchanged.

SUNDAY MANUFACTURING COMPANIES.—Bell's Asbestos has improved to buyers at \$83. Green Island Cement shares sold \$9.30 to \$9.70, closing with sellers at \$9.20. Ropes fetched \$24, and are first at that rate. Other stocks under this heading are unchanged and without transations.

MISCELLANEOUS.—China Borees found buyers at \$11. China Providents sold at \$10 and \$9.85 and are in demand at \$9.83. Langkata have buyers in the north at Tls. 85. South China Morning Post shares are wanted at \$24. Watsons are steady at \$9. In other stocks under this heading nothing has been done, and rates are the same as given last.

FOREIGN TRADE OF JAPAN
FOR 1902.

A HEAVY DECLINE.

In a brief review of the foreign trade of the Empire for the year just closed, the Osaka Mainichi says that, owing to the financial depression prevailing throughout the world, the foreign trade of all countries has shown a decrease more or less. The financial crisis and the Presidential election in the United States, the boycott of Japanese goods in South China, and the death of the Emperor and Empress Dowager of China have seriously affected the foreign trade of Japan. The value of the trade for the last ten days of the year is not yet known, but assuming it to be 80 per cent of the figure for the preceding ten days, the total value of exports this year will amount to Yen 2,464,831 and that of imports to Yen 2,750,180, showing an excess of Yen 265,349 in imports over exports. Compared with last year, the exports showed a decrease of Yen 169,348,042 and the imports of Yen 173,166, or an aggregate decrease in the total trade of Yen 131,685,208.

The Japan Chronicle in a leading article on the subject of the world-wide trade depression says incidentally—

The effect of the world depression in trade has been very serious in the case of Japan. Coming at a critical period, when the country was in the first stage of recovering the losses suffered by the war, its effects have been crippling.

Compared with 1907, foreign trade has fallen by about 130 million yen, reducing overseas trade to about the level of 1905, the year after the war. This has naturally had its effect on the necessities of the country at less than one English pound, the most stable standard in the world, per head of the population.

In Great Britain, one of the richest countries in the world, the metallic currency is about Twelve million pounds, including silver and copper coins. The note issue is approximately fifty million pounds, making a total currency of some sixty-two million pounds for a population of forty-two millions of inhabitants.

We have reversed the position of cash currency and paper currency values for China.

For the simple reason that China's Government credit is not of the same nature as that of Great Britain. It is interesting to note, however, that Great Britain's security for her large paper issue consists of about eleven million pounds worth of Government securities seven million and a half of other securities (commercial) and thirty million pounds of bullion reserve.

Of course one can make the exception that the Chinese as a nation are not as wealthy individually, and do not need therefore, so large a quantity of currency in proportion with the British.

This we are willing to concede, but we would point out that we have estimated so far at practically half of the British equivalent.

To clinch our argument, however, we are prepared to still further reduce China's estimated requirements in gold for reserve purposes, retaining our figures in proportion, for metallic and paper currency, by dividing them by ten.

This will leave to China the necessity of finding a gold reserve in hard metal of thirty seven and a half millions of pounds sterling.

Where world will gradually cease to operate. During the past year there has been a steady improvement in the conditions in America, and, though not so rapid or so extensive as was hoped, it may be expected to continue. This has already favourably affected one section of Japanese trade in improving the market for silk, and generally tends to arouse confidence. If the silver market were to improve, or even to steady, another branch of Japanese commerce would receive a fillip. Moreover, the depression of the past year has no doubt removed a good deal of rotten business, and this will tend to the strengthening of those concerns that have stood the strain. In many quarters it is confidently anticipated that when business resumes after the holidays there will be a brighter outlook than had been evident throughout the last few months, and it may be hoped that experience will show the confidence to be justified.

THE NEW CHINESE CURRENCY PROPOSITION.

Chinese Public Opinion writes on this subject as follows:

We note that the subject of a gold standard for China has again been brought forward by Government presumably on account of some proposition made by an influential official. In our last issue we published a paragraph on the matter in which it was stated that "the Ministers abroad should be wired to and ordered to negotiate with various nations to settle a proportionate valuation between their own and Chinese currency." A basis is suggested that 15-pieces of Chinese half-tael coins should equal one pound sterling."

Now this would be a very excellent arrangement for China but unfortunately in the present state of the world it is the custom of states as well as individuals, when asked to grant a favour, to look for a *quid pro quo*.

The proposal as put forward does not seem to provide for this nor does it offer any security that the half-tael coins of China, which by the way are not yet in existence, will be of high grade silver approximating to the value suggested and leaving a margin for further possible depreciation of the white metal *vis à vis* the yellow.

Of course if China kept a gold reserve, even in billion only, sufficient to redeem her silver tael currency to the extent of say, two-thirds, and gave sufficient guarantees that she would redeem it, on demand, the proposition would be accepted *instante*.

Silver at present is much depreciated in value but it is by no means certain that it has yet touched the bottom." We remember hearing, some years ago, that in certain parts of the world excellent silver could be produced as low as one shilling and two pence per ounce. We have also heard that hundreds of tailings containing much silver, from certain mines, being thrown aside as not worth the trouble of extracting the precious metal therefrom. We have also heard that hundreds of rich mines in various parts of the world, more especially in Central America, are shut down as it is not worth while extracting the tons of silver in sight while there was such a surfeit of the metal in circulation. We were also informed that if all the silver mines in the world were worked at full pressure the metal would probably become more plentiful and cheaper than copper.

RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

Aye, it is quite true. The weather is man's conversational god. Everywhere during the week one heard little else but growls about the weather, and even the folks up topside did not appreciate the mist which hid them from the vulgar gaze. That reminds me, that somebody "wot knows" has predicted that we are in for two months of the weather we sampled last week for four days. In other words we are likely to have plenty of rain instead of the cold crisp weather which we expect at this season. That looks as if we shall have greater use for waterproofs than overcoats.

Few of us realised that Lady Lingard was as ill as she has been, and it was with something like a shock that we read His Excellency's statement that his wife had been dangerously ill and was still in a serious condition. Fortunately later news is more hopeful and I am sure it is no mean platitude when I say we all wish her a speedy recovery.

So we are to lose Mr. Brackenbury very soon. He leaves for Central Africa on the 23rd instant. If he makes as great a name for himself as his uncle, Sir Frederick, [did] in Africa his promotion will be assured.

The American Baseball players returned from Manila on Friday and left for the United States the next day. They go home with interesting news on sport in the Orient, and I have no doubt the inevitable interviewers at San Francisco will obtain some good "copy." I can, however, anticipate their comments on cricket at Hongkong. "Say," said one of the visitors at the other day, "Cricket is great game in Hongkong, ain't it? Why the only belly-filler on the ground who does anything at all is the bar boy! Why, I guess and calculate that in the States—." "Don't spoil it with any further comment" interrupted one of the listeners.

Sport with the professional baseballer in the States is an excessively serious business. I understand that no member of the team which came out on this picnic earns less than \$500 a month during the baseball season, and some of them receive over \$1,000.

After the unsatisfactory debates in the Legislative Council and Sanitary Board it was interesting to notice an old Chinese woman (who appeared to have solved the problem of the hour), draw a small bottle from the folds of her dress and spit into it. On enquiry I ascertained this from the old dame that she had adopted this means some years ago on being informed that she was suffering from phthisis. I do not offer this as a solution of the spitting nuisance, but it struck me that it would result in benefit to the community if the public dispensary could persuade those phthisical patients who receive treatment at their hands to refrain from spitting in the streets and use a small bottle instead. It certainly is a new use for the bottle.

What a surprising success the Corinthian Yacht club have made of their concern! It looks as if they are going to eclipse the older club. The inauguration of the new one design "Hayward Hays" has been a huge success and will no doubt give a slip to yachting in these waters. Lord Dudley, at the opening ceremony of the Australian Yacht Club, remarked that the secret of most yachting clubs' success was one design classes and his opinion is borne out in this Colony. Unless the Royal Hongkong Club adopts this or some other scheme to awaken up their members the new pavilion is likely to become something of a white elephant.

Imagine a meeting of missionaries being asked to sing "Oh God, our help in ages past." Although it may be quite true, we do not associate such candour with our missionary friends; yet the incident, I am told, is one of those things not mentioned by the press which happened at a recent college function. Doubtless they will not risk receiving such a shock again at the hands of their Chinese typists.

At one of those missionary meetings of which I have been speaking the visitors were handed a long sheet of paper printed in Chinese. Apparently it set forth the objects of the meeting, and to most of those present it was unintelligible. Still it was not altogether useless, for after holding one end up to her nose and the other stretched out at arm's length, a lady turned to a friend and exclaimed "Why, it is a yard long." She seemed quite pleased that she had found a new measure.

Although the Hongkong Football Club is to some extent overshadowed by the League at present, there is no doubt that it still stands for sport. What more magnanimous notion could one have wished than the course it adopted in handing over the cup presented by Mrs. David to the shield committee to be awarded to the runners up. I hope they will continue to give the lead in sporting circles.

Hongkong knows something of the walking craze round the island and will therefore be able to appreciate the following comment taken from a Penang paper. This correspondent writes:—"I have read a paragraph in your issue of the 21st Dec. to the effect that a gentleman connected with a local firm of brokers walked round the Island of Penang yesterday in rather less than sixteen hours. I have been trying to think it out and it worries me a good deal. Why did he walk round the Island in rather less than sixteen hours? As it was an Island he was walking around he had to come back to the same place as he started from, hadn't he? Then why did he not stop where he was for the sixteen hours? A friend of mine suggests that somebody he had sold shares to was chasing him, or that his wife was out playing bridge and he was dummy. Another man says perhaps he had forgotten

SUPREME COURT.

Monday, January 11th.

IN BANKRUPTCY JURISDICTION.
BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIE FRANCIS
PIGGOTT (CHIEF JUSTICE).

THE FATE OF A DISORDERLY HOUSE.
Re Stalls, Brumfield, Mr. O. D. Thomson made application for a receiving order. He stated that the liabilities were shown at \$2,200 and the assets to \$2,000. The assets consisted of household furniture and might be easily realised.

His Lordship—What is she?

Mr. Thomson—She is the keeper of a disorderly house at 49 Hollywood Road.

His Lordship—It is hardly worth bankruptcy.

There is only a difference of \$200 between assets and liabilities.

Mr. Thomson—She is being pressed by one or two creditors. It is the only way.

His Lordship—I see it is the household furniture.

The application was granted.

A QUESTION OF COMPOSITION.

Re Ho Shui Chau, an application, for approval of composition, Mr. Waterman, the Official Receiver, stated that the case had been before his Lordship for approval of a scheme of composition, and debtor had asked that the matter might be brought up again.

It was decided that the matter be brought up again.

A QUESTION OF TIME.

In the matter of Chan King, the well known contractor, Mr. Holborow appeared and asked for further time in order that the debtor might make a statement of his affairs. He believed that he could meet all his liabilities.

Mr. Harston agreed and the time was extended another three weeks.

A DANCING MASTER'S POSITION.

Re J. H. Pidgeon.

His Lordship remarked that there was no statement of liabilities.

Mr. Goldring, who appeared for the debtor, said there was no need for it on a debtor's petition. The usual \$100 had been paid to the Official Receiver.

His Lordship.—The usual course is to give the Court some notion as to what the facts are.

Mr. Goldring—Provided enough money was paid to meet the expense the order was usually made.

His Lordship—Oh, no. There should be a statement of liabilities.

Mr. Goldring—I thought that was only in the case of a petitioning creditor.

His Lordship—Provided the court is satisfied.

Mr. Goldring—As your Lordship pleases.

The matter was adjourned.

CAPTAIN MITCHELL'S AFFAIRS.

Thomas Alexander Mitchell, master mariner, attended for his public examination in bankruptcy. Mr. Stevenson, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon, watched the proceedings on behalf of the debtor and Mr. Grist was present in the interests of Messrs. Ewens and Harston, who were creditors.

Debtor said he was a master mariner in command of the *Fook Sang* and had been captain in the company's service for ten years. His salary was \$27.10 per month. In the statement of his affairs his liabilities were put at \$18,829.

He had incurred that amount through a divorce action in the court of Scotland. It hung on for a long time and the liabilities were for lawyers' fees.

The claim by John Robert Calver for \$3,812 was the defendant's costs which were given against debtor as the Scottish Court had no jurisdiction out of Scotland.

The claim by Taylor and Borie were the costs of his own lawyers.

Of the claim of \$3,500 by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company, \$2,000 was money lent to him by the firm while he was going on with the proceedings in Hong Kong.

The other \$1,500 was a bond which he entered into with Mr. Keswick, that gentleman having advanced the money to assist him in the action taken in the Supreme Court.

He also had a sum advanced by Mr. Austin for \$1,000 which was also in respect of the divorce proceedings.

The same applied to the claim for Mr. Veitch for \$500, and the claim of \$8,425 by Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon was in respect of his own costs.

He had no assets beyond his pay except a life insurance policy for £2,000 which he had assigned to Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon.

He had only taken out the policy two years.

He did so for the purpose of protecting his creditors. He was still keeping up the policy.

He assigned it to Mr. Looker by way of a mortgage in order to secure any monies he might be owing.

Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon and Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company.

His Lordship—They can hardly be described as unsecured creditors.

The Official Receiver—The policy is a new one and has no surrender value at the present time.

His Lordship—It seems to me in the event of the policy being paid the demands on the estate would be cleared.

The Official Receiver—Yes, in the event of his death.

His Lordship—It is a peculiar position.

The Official Receiver—He proposes to ask for adjudication.

His Lordship—If there is a discharge the policy must go. It reverts.

The Official Receiver—He has made a verbal proposal. He asks for adjudication. He asks for adjudication and offers to keep up these premiums on this policy himself.

His Lordship—The difficulty is this. The policy will cover all the liabilities.

Mr. Grist said he appeared for Messrs. Ewens and Harston. He objected very much to the debtor paying the premiums on this policy out of the pockets of the general body of creditors for the benefit of those two secured creditors. He had no right to do so and the policy ought either to be sold or surrendered.

His Lordship—It can't.

Mr. Grist—Then let it lapse. Captain Mitchell

has run into a great deal of expense in defending actions that were not worth defending.

His Lordship—It can't.

Mr. Grist—No, my Lord. There is no mention of the other creditors. After payment is made to Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon, and Jardine, Matheson and Co., the balance goes back.

His Lordship—From what I know of the affair it is hardly Captain Mitchell's fault.

Mr. Grist—I am not dealing with that particular branch. I refer to the action brought against him to recover costs in the Scotch courts. He ran up expense to my clients of \$700 in unnecessary and frivolous defence. Now he comes and offers to pay \$100 a month. How many years will it take to pay off his liabilities at that rate?

I submit Captain Mitchell has not dealt with his creditors in a way that we should have thought he would have. Here is a case where costs are given against him. Instead of consenting to judgment he fights it and runs up a great deal of expense irrespective of the other action in which he would have to pay the whole costs.

His Lordship—It appears to me there is something not quite regular. I do not see how creditors who have an insurance policy in their hands can be described as unsecured.

The Official Receiver—It proves as an unsecured creditor.

His Lordship—They must surrender the policy. It is quite clear that the proceedings at present are irregular. There is a preference of \$100 a month to these two creditors.

The Official Receiver—He is allowed to do as he likes with his salary.

Mr. Grist—Certainly not. He is entitled to sufficient sustenance out of his salary.

Mr. Stevenson said they viewed this question of the mortgage of the insurance policy as of no security whatever. The policy was a new one and had no surrender value. It was only a security in the event of his death. Owing to the fact of Captain Mitchell's precarious life at sea they thought it would be well for the general body of creditors, as also for themselves, if Captain Mitchell took out an insurance policy.

His Lordship—It seems to me you cannot hold it.

Mr. Stevenson—It is not for our individual benefit. It is for the benefit of the general body of creditors.

There is a clause in the deed of mortgage that it is for the benefit of the general body of creditors. As to frivolous defence mentioned by Mr. Grist he had not stated the case correctly. We were advised by counsel that the assignation in this case was bad because the consideration mentioned in the deed was not sufficient. The action was practically disengaged.

His Lordship—The defendant got a receiving order which was stay of proceedings, otherwise the action would have been proceeded with.

His Lordship—It remains for the creditors to arrange a scheme.

Mr. Grist indicated that he would like to ask the debtor a few questions.

How long have you been in the employ of the company as captain?—Nearly ten years.

And during that time you have been drawing a salary of £37.10s?—No, the salary varies from the start until ten years.

How much had you when you started first?—£30 a month.

That had gradually risen to the present time?—Yes.

His Lordship—What were the dates of the proceedings in Scotland?—They started in 1906 and concluded in 1906.

For these ten years you have been in receipt of a salary of upwards of £30 a month. I take the ship supplies you with board and lodgings. You have only to supply yourself with clothing?—Yes.

What do you spend generally for clothing? About \$100 a month?—More than that. Clothing, I should say, costs me over \$200 a month.

Your own personal expenses, I mean?—I would put them down at \$200 a month.

How do you spend it?—I don't quite know. I lead a very quiet life. I spend all my spare time on board the steamer. I am a strict teetotaler, but still my expenses go up.

How?—I could not tell you. I call at nine ports on the run from Yokohama to Calcutta. I have expenses in all these ports, and I find that to keep up my position runs me up to \$200 a month.

Are you not making a mistake?—No.

You are at sea four out five days?—Oh, no.

How much of your time are you at sea?—Not one half.

Supposing your expenses come to \$200 a month, you can pay \$200 to the Official Receiver?—I have my mother and three sisters at home, and I occasionally send something to them.

Are they dependent upon you?—Not entirely.

Are these presents of money included in the \$200 a month?—No, I should say more than \$200 a month.

His Lordship—The other creditors are litigating creditors?

Mr. Grist—They are creditors, and every effort should be made to pay them. No man has a right to live extravagantly when part of the money ought to go to his creditors.

What right has a man to make presents when he is a debtor? These creditors have just as much right to be paid as any other.

His Lordship—The man has to keep up his position.

Mr. Grist—He offers \$100 monthly. That is \$1200 a year. It will take him fifteen years to pay off his liabilities. I submit that your Lordship should make an order for him to pay \$200 a month. (To debtor). Do you pay the premiums every month?—No, every quarter.

Since this petition you have paid one or two premiums?—Two or three.

Mr. Grist—That should not be. If they have taken up this policy they must keep up the premiums themselves. It should not be taken out of the estate.

His Lordship—The policy covers the whole of the debts.

Mr. Grist—Yes.

His Lordship—It meets the claims of all the creditors.

Mr. Grist—No, my Lord. There is no mention of the other creditors. After payment is made to Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon, and Jardine, Matheson and Co., the balance goes back.

His Lordship—If the assignment is for the general body of creditors there is no very great objection.

Mr. Grist—If the assignee will transfer it to the Official Receiver for the benefit of the creditors I should not object.

His Lordship—There is no doubt the policy is big enough to cover the whole of the debts. If an arrangement could be made for carrying out.

Mr. Grist—Meanwhile the claim of the creditors mentioned is the first charge upon it.

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BEKANNTMACHUNG.

IM hiesigen Handelsregister, Abt. A, No. 9, ist hiezu zu der offenen Handelsgesellschaft

LUFTGENS, EINSTMANN & Co., eingetragen worden.

Die Ludwig Boisserée erteilte Prokura ist erloschen.

Die Firma ist in Liquidation getreten. Zu Liquidatorin und erneut

ALBERT LAMPERSKI in Hongkong und CARL AHRENDT in Canton

mit der Berichtigung, einzeln zu handeln.

KAISERLICH DEUTSCHES KONSULAT.

Canton, den 9. Januar 1909. [169]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,

FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, TO-DAY (TUESDAY),

the 12th January, 1909, at 11 A.M., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vieux Road, corner of Ice House Street,

SUNDAY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

Terms:—As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1909. [170]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,

FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY),

the 13th January, 1909, at 2.30 P.M., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vieux Road,

corner of Ice House Street,

A VERY VALUABLE COLLECTION OF PEKIN AND CANTON PORCELAIN,

BRONZES, CURIOS, &c., &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued.

Terms:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1909. [171]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will Let by Public Auction, On FRIDAY,

the 15th January, 1909, at 3 P.M., on the spot, The Several Lots Numbered 1 to 19 on Plan to be sold at the Auctioneers' Office, for erection of

BOOTHES AND MATSHEDS,

on the Government Ground adjoining the Race Course, North of the Grand Stand Enclosure.

Terms:—Cash.

For Plan and Conditions of Sale apply to—

HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1909. [172]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"KUMSANG," having arrived from the above Ports Consignee of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo, impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M. the 13th inst., will be landed at Consignee's risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD.

General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1909. [16]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, ANTWERP, LONDON, COLOMBO AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"AWA MARU," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignee of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before NOON, TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by 18th Jan., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1909. [173]

SPECIAL FOR FANCY DRESS BALL.

As are now greatly in demand by Gentlemen.

TAFFETEEN

ALL COLOURS.

HOOSAIN-ALI & Co., No. 14, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1909. [41]

NEW ADVERTISEMENT

AUCTION SALE

OF
PURE IRISH HOUSEHOLD LINENS, LACE AND TAPESTRY CURTAINS,
etc., etc., etc.

MESSES. HUGHES & HOUGH are favoured with instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION.

ON SATURDAY,

the 16th JANUARY, 1909, commencing at 11 A.M. to 12.30 P.M. and from 2.30 P.M.

at their SALES ROOMS,

A FINE COLLECTION OF

HIGH CLASS IRISH GOODS.

COMPRISE:—PURE IRISH HAND-EMBROIDERED BEDSPREADS, GONE'S PURE IRISH LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, FINE WHITE QUILTS, PURPLE IRISH LINEN DOUBLE DAMASK TABLE CLOTHS and SERVILLES, IRISH EMBROIDERED PILLOW CASES, a Varied Assortment of UNDER-SKIRTS, WALKING SKIRTS, ROBES, all LINEN DOUBLE size BED TICKS, SHEETS, FLANNELETTE NIGHTDRESSES, DRESSING GOWNS, APRONS, FINE TURKISH TOWELS, BATH TOWELS, BATH SHEETS, TAPESTRY TABLE COVERS, IRISH LINEN DOYLIES, MUSLIN and EMBROIDERED CUSHION COVERS, Five o'clock TEA CLOTHS, TOILET SETS, TEA COSY, TRAVELLING RUGS, Children's CLOTHES and OVERCOATS, LACE CURTAINS, TAPESTRY CURTAINS, &c., &c., &c.

A Small Quantity of "WITNEY" BLANKETS and SUIT LENGTHS, The above Goods arrived here per s.s. "DU CALON" and will be on view from THURSDAY, 14th January, P.M. Catalogues may be had on application.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1909. [168]

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

M. JAMES CRAIK has This Day been appointed Secretary.

H. P. WHITE, Chairman

Hongkong, 6th January, 1909. [151]

HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that information has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out as under:—From 4th to 23rd January, 1909:—

From Customs Pass and Chin Lan Chu over the area Kau Ling Peak, Tates Cairn, Buffalo Hill, Razor Hill and High Junk Peak, at ranges up to 10,000 yards, commencing at 10 A.M. daily, and finishing at 4 P.M.

If the weather is unfavourable on any of the above dates, practice will take place on the following day.

All ships, junks and other vessels are to keep clear of the ranges.

BASIL TAYLOR, Commander, R.N., Harbour Master, &c.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1909. [144]

NOTICE.

I, CHAN WOON of No. 29, Wing Wo Lane, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, Shipowner, hereby give notice that I have applied to the Board of Trade, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894, in respect of the ship "YING KING" of Hongkong, Official No. 11631 of Gross Tonnage 768-50 tons, Register Tonnage 459-13 tons herefrom owned by Sing On Steamship Company, Limited, for permission to change her name to "HO TUNG" and to have her registered in the New Name at the Port of Hongkong as owned by me.

Any objections to the proposed change of Name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hongkong within seven days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at Victoria, Hongkong, the 11th day of January, 1909. [163]

STOCKBROKERS' ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

NOTICE.

THE COMMITTEE has decided that the following shall be the Settling Days for 1909:—

FRIDAY, 29th January.
FRIDAY, 26th February.

TUESDAY, 30th March.

MONDAY, 29th April.

TUESDAY, 31st May.

FRIDAY, 29th June.

MONDAY, 30th July.

WEDNESDAY, 29th September.

FRIDAY, 29th October.

MONDAY, 29th November.

WEDNESDAY, 29th December.

The following is a List of Members of the STOCKBROKERS' ASSOCIATION of Hongkong:—

N. N. ADDIS.
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B. N. ELIAS.
FRED. ELLIS.
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C. ROGUE.
F. SNYTH.
E. SOLOMON.
P. STOFFA.
A. G. STOKES.
J. Y. V. VERNON.
J. F. WRIGHT.

By Order of the Committee.

J. F. WRIGHT, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1909. [153]

SINGON & CO.

IRON, STEEL, METAL and HARD WARE MERCHANTS: Wholesale and Retail Ironmongers, Pig Iron and Foundry Coke Importers, General Storekeepers and Shipchandlers Nos. 35 & 37, Hing Loong Street, (2nd Street, west of Central Market) Telephone No. 515. [660]

TO LET

STORAGE.
FOR COAL, TIMBER, &c.

TO BE LET, a Portion of MARINE LOT No. 235 at NORTH POINT, Suitable for above Purpose. EXTENSIVE WATER FRONT. DEEP WATER. AIR FOR SALE.

Portions of MARINE LOTS Nos. 31 & 36 on PRAYA EAST. Approximate AREA 43,000 SQUARE FT. 999-YEARS LEASE.

For Particulars, apply—

GEO. FENWICK & Co., LTD.

Hongkong, 8th June, 1906. [96]

TO LET.

ABERTHOLWYN, PEAK ROAD, from

1st March next. Excellently Furnished.

Hot and Cold Water laid on. Tennis Court and Swimming Bath.

Apply to—

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE Co., LTD.

Hongkong, 6th October, 1908. [125]

TO LET.

No. 14, SEYMOUR TERRACE. Possession from 1st January, 1909.

Apply to—

THE COMPRADORE DEPARTMENT,

Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,

St. George's Building.

Hongkong, 2nd December, 1903. [112]

TO LET.

OFFICES in ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.

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SECRETARY,